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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Our prices for announcing candidates are: For Congress, fifteen dollars, in advance; for State offices, ten dollars; for county offices, five dollars.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

The following are the Democratic nominees, selected by primary election March 8, 1890, for the county offices of Benton County, and they should receive the support of all true Democrats at the polls on the 7th day of August, 1890.

For County Judge:

B. C. SCRUGGS.

For County Clerk:

W. A. STEELE, JR.

For Circuit Clerk:

A. B. BROOKS.

For Trustee:

W. J. BARNES.

For Sheriff:

E. G. FLOWERS.

For Registrar:

J. T. BOWLES.

County Democratic Convention.

A county Democratic mass-meeting is called to meet at the court house, in Camden, at 12 o'clock m., the first Monday in May next, to select delegates to the gubernatorial convention to be held in Nashville July 15th, to select a County Executive Committee, and transact such other business that may come before it.

J. M. LASHLEE,
Chairman.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1890.

We issue this week the first number of THE CAMDEN CHRONICLE. It will be seen that THE CHRONICLE is all gotten up at home—no "outsider," no "pot-metal"—and only \$1 per year. It will be conducted on thoroughly Democratic principles, and will always be full of news—local news especially—and will look for the upbuilding of Camden and Benton County. We believe that our people want a newspaper, and we hope to have the liberal and appreciative support of the people of Benton County.

Hon. John M. Taylor.

Among the many noble and able representatives of the Democratic party in Tennessee who would make excellent Governors and gain honors for the State and themselves if elected to that high office, no one strikes our judgement as being more worthy or competent than Hon. JOHN M. TAYLOR, of Lexington. He is a christian gentleman, a man of unquestioned ability, and an "upper case" Democrat. He has twice served the people of this, the Eighth Congressional district in the lower house of the National Congress, and his record is second to no member who has ever served in that capacity from this State, or any other as to that. We favor Hon. JOHN M. TAYLOR first, last, and all the time before the convention, to meet at Nashville on the 15th of July next, as the nominee of the party for our next Governor. We will cheerfully support any man the convention may name, but in our opinion JOHN M. TAYLOR will be the next Governor of Tennessee.

THERE will be a pretty kettle of h to fry in the Republican camp when the Senate passes the bill cutting the duty on sugar and mak-

He is a Leader!

Several of the great leading newspapers of the country are saying some very hard things about Senator QUAY. These papers are backed by large capital, are perfectly responsible for what they publish, and they invite prosecution on the part of Mr. QUAY. If he has been libeled, he has recourse to the courts to defend his character. But so far Mr. QUAY is silent. Even the President has intimated to him the importance of defending himself, and yet he is silent.

The New York Times charges Mr. QUAY with having taken \$260,000 from the State treasury of Pennsylvania to gamble in stocks, and having lost it, was contemplating suicide when some of his friends came to his rescue and furnished the money necessary to refund the amount of his embezzlement.

Again, while State treasurer, he took \$400,000 of the State's funds, to gamble in stocks, and being successful in his operations, he refunded to the treasury the embezzled funds.

Every day these papers are bringing to light new rascalities perpetrated by this man, and it is said as the leaders of the Republican party were aware of these rascalities is the reason he was placed at the head of the National Republican Committee to bring success to the party in the late Presidential election, as they knew he was unscrupulous enough to commit any rascality to meet the end in view—to elect BENJAMIN HARRISON.

These exposures will not only ruin QUAY, and drive him into obscurity, but is a severe reflection on the administration.

Autocrat Read.

Autocrat Reed evidently thinks that there is no hereafter for himself and party. He has assumed more power than any Speaker the House of Representatives has ever had or claimed, and his rulings are unprecedented for their inconsistency. While he wields the gavel he is snatching the Democrats on every occasion, regardless of the great damage he is doing the public service. He would involve the country in untold misery and ruin to satisfy his insane hatred of every thing Democratic. He would sink his own party into eternal oblivion to momentarily crash his political enemies, but his war upon Democracy only unites and strengthens the Democrats, while his unjust ruling is demoralizing his party. He is making a big club to break his own head and that of his party. That is all right, Mr. REED! We say, "go it, boots."

H. CLAY EVANS, in a letter to Postmaster-General WANAMAKER, charges Congressman ENLOE with securing his seat by ballot-box stuffing. The idea of Mr. ENLOE having to resort to such methods to defeat WARREN SMITH in the race for Congress is supremely ridiculous. The idea, too, of Mr. EVANS making such a charge against any one, when it is the general belief that Mr. EVANS was elected through fraud of the worst type. Even a leading Republican of Chattanooga, a Mr. WHITESIDES, gave evidence against EVANS for ballot-box stuffing. If Mr. ENLOE don't "Trash him up against Massa Tompkins' door" in fine style, he will not receive his just deserts.

AN effort will be made after the next census to increase the ratio of apportionment so as to keep down the size of the House of Representatives, which is considered somewhat unwieldy already. At the last census the membership was fixed at 325. By the admission of the four new States it has been increased to 330 and on admission of Idaho and Wyoming to statehood it will be still further increased to 332.

The Primary.

The Democratic ticket, a representative and sterling one, has been nominated, and now comes the work of electing the nominees. The task should not be a great one. The same earnestness and unanimity of sentiment and feeling that characterized the nomination at the recent primary of good and respected citizens for the offices to be filled, if exerted in the intervening time between now and election day, will accomplish the desired result. Let all work together for the good of the county and the nominees, and the principles they represent shall triumph.

He Would Like to be Governor.

Jere Baxter, of Nashville, is the liveliest and most amusing of the candidates for Governor. He is not only a good financier, but he has recently embarked in the stock-raising business and has really done a great deal for Davidson County in this respect. He is quite a man with a certain class in Davidson County, but how thick he would be if hammered out to cover the entire State of Tennessee is quite another matter. "Candidly speaking," said Mr. BAXTER, in a recent interview, "I should like to be Governor." So would a number of other men who have not the same amount of frankness which Mr. BAXTER has, but the Democrats will not make the fatal blunder of nominating any man not capable of arousing its enthusiasm and rallying the Democracy at the polls.

West Tennessee's Candidates.

A partial census of the Democratic candidates in West Tennessee for Governor has been taken, and the list includes Hon. JOHN M. TAYLOR, Hon. JOSIAH PATTERSON, and Hon. W. L. CLAPP. There are some able men in the list, and one thing to be said in its favor is that they are Democrats, and the election of any man included in it would be in the nature of promoting men who have been tried in inferior offices, which is a safer practice than exalting politicians who have had no preparatory test to places of less power and responsibility. Congress is one of the best training grounds for Governor, which fact strongly emphasizes the candidacy of Hon. JOHN M. TAYLOR and sustains the prevailing opinion that he is eminently fitted for the position and can carry Tennessee by an unprecedented majority.

Democratic Mass Meeting.

The chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee has called a mass-meeting of the Democratic party of Benton County to meet at the court-house in Camden on the first Monday in May next, which is next Monday week. This meeting is for the purpose of selecting delegates to attend the gubernatorial convention to assemble at the capitol in Nashville on the 15th day of July next. Also to appoint a new County Executive Committee, and to transact such other business that legitimately belongs to such mass-meeting.

We admonish the Democracy of the county of the supreme importance of thorough organization of the party, and insist that every Democrat of Benton County who can possibly attend, be present and assist in the business of the convention.

The enemy is always on the alert. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. Let us be vigilant, and always be ready to overwhelm the enemy.

The Democrats of McMinn, Sequatchie, Meigs, Grundy, and Van Buren counties have instructed their delegates to the Congressional convention to vote those counties should for H. C. SWANSHAM.

Gubernatorial Convention.

A convention of the Democratic party of Tennessee is hereby called to meet at the Capitol, in the city of Nashville, on Tuesday, July 15, 1890, at 12 o'clock m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor, and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it. The State Democratic Executive Committee recommends that the respective counties in the State appoint no greater number of delegates than they are entitled to votes in the convention, the basis being one vote for every hundred Democratic votes and fraction over fifty cast at the November election, 1888.

Done at the city of Nashville by authority of the State Democratic Executive Committee, April 3, 1890.

THOS. L. WILLIAMS,

Chairman.

J. D. McLIX,

Secretary.

Floods in the Mississippi Valley.

The Lower Mississippi River Valley is submerged in water, incurring great danger to life and immense destruction of property. In Bayou Sara, La., not a single house is above water, and many people are in tree-tops for safety. Governor Nichols, of Louisiana, has sent boats to rescue them from their perilous position. The present flood of the Mississippi is the greatest for many years, and the loss of property will be very great. The loss of life will probably be light, as former floods, has put the people who live in districts subject to annual floods, on their guard from such danger. Even if this vast amount of water should quickly disappear, which is hardly probable on account of continued rains, crop prospects this year in those regions are gloomy in the extreme.

UNDER the editorship of IVINS DAVIS, the Athens Post comes out a Democratic paper.

CONGRESSMAN HOUR has been renominated for Congress by the Republicans of the second district.

GRUNDY and Van Buren counties have instructed delegates to the gubernatorial convention to vote for BUCHANAN first and BAXTER second.

THE Democrats of Haywood County have nominated JOHN H. GREEN, one of the editors of the States-Democrat, for circuit court clerk, and FRANK P. BORN for Congress.

HON. JAMES D. RICHARDSON is announced as a candidate for reelection in the Fifth Congressional district. So far as known he will have no opponent in his party.

ZACK THOMPSON has purchased of W. A. FROST the Shelbyville Gazette, and will continue its publication at the above place. The Gazette, under its new management, will be Democratic.

THE Decatur, Chattanooga, and New Orleans Railroad is considered a certainty. Engineers have been locating the route from Murfreesboro to Nashville, and work is expected to be begun very shortly.

THE Republicans of Benton and Decatur counties favor W. F. BABER, of Holston, as their candidate for the next Senate. Mr. BABER is a conservative Republican, and, in our opinion, is deservedly popular in his district and representative of the party.

THE Probate Court of Decatur County has this Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Decatur, Carroll, and Benton, have held a convention and nominated H. H. P. GIBBS, of Carroll, for State Senator, and A. H. GIBBS, of Benton, for State Representative.

TENNESSEE NEWS.

The best crop of Olion County is raising.

A heavy crop in the vicinity of Holston promises to look discouraging, and the farmers are much behaved by their work.

Mr. S. B. W. Massey, who has recently been elected of the Benton County, has been carried to the capitol for the purpose of Bolivar.

The negro, Will Fitzgerald, who had been confined for putting down the train, has been released at Miami. The conductor will probably recover.

A coal-bound freight train on the main line of the East Tennessee railroad, which was wrecked Friday, and the engine and four cars were derailed.

On the farm of L. A. Spence, 2 1/2 miles north of Atwood, Carroll County, on the 15th, was found a colt having no legs. It is otherwise perfect in form and still living.

While under the influence of whiskey, a shooting affray took place between William Roberts and James Winston at Dukesdom, in Weakley County. Nobody killed.

King & Franklin's circus train, which was on its way from Springfield to Gallatin, was wrecked by a broken axle near Baker's Station, on the southwestern division of the Louisville and Nashville last Friday, injuring four men.

The town of Parsons, situated on the Midland Railroad, a few miles west of the Tennessee River, in Decatur County, is but one year old, has two hundred inhabitants, and many business enterprises. Its rapid growth is phenomenal.

At Newport last Friday, Zeb White, aged thirteen, accidentally shot Shell Clark, aged fourteen, through the head with a .32 caliber pistol. The ball, after passing through the left skull, broke through the right in the grocery where the accident occurred.

Lee F. Wilson, representative in the legislature, and his father were arrested at Shelbyville Saturday on indictments charging them with having secured by fraudulent means the annulment of marriages entered into by soldiers' widows, and then having them re-married on the United States pension rolls.

Circuit Court Proceedings.

State vs. Arch Powers, bigamy, ten years in penitentiary; William Garner, burglary, three years in penitentiary; George McFarley, selling pistol, \$25 and cost, continuing pistol, nolle prosequi, defendant paying cost; John Prince, violating public worship, submitted, \$25 and cost; Wesley Pierce, carrying pistol, continued; Adam Garner, carrying pistol, not guilty; B. F. Brevard, selling whiskey without license, two cases, \$5 each case; Dave Crafton, carrying pistol, nolle prosequi, defendant paying cost; Harve Lindsey, selling liquor without license, continued; Riley Griggs, carrying pistol, nolle prosequi, defendant paying cost; Allen Lynch, carrying pistol, two cases, continued; H. J. Wilson, selling whiskey without license, two cases, continued; Arch Tippet, carrying pistol, nolle prosequi, defendant paying cost; W. G. Kirk, carrying pistol, nolle prosequi, defendant paying cost; assault and battery, two cases, nolle prosequi, defendant paying cost; Will Parnell, selling whiskey without license, three cases, continued; John Hoskison, carrying pistol, not guilty, \$50 and cost; Jarrett Taylor, selling liquor without license, \$50 and cost; Dave Arnold, carrying pistol, nolle prosequi, defendant paying cost; Bud Davis, carrying pistol, ten years in penitentiary.